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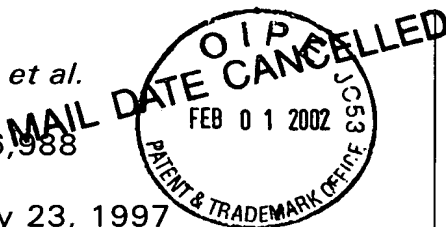
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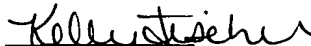
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all references known by Applicant or Applicant's representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicant's representative hereby provides this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that is prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98. Forms PTO-1449 (3 pages) and copies of the cited documents are provided herewith in connection with the above-captioned application.

The cited documents listed on the Forms PTO-1449 are in the English language with the exception of items C, I, and K. Items I and K, International Patent Publication WO98/05965 and WO98/34116 respectively, are in the

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French language and are supplied with an English language Derwent abstract describing the subject matter (items T and U respectively). Item C, German Patent No. DE 19731479 A1, is in the German language and is supplied with an English language Derwent abstract describing the subject matter (item V). Hence, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, as amended effective March 16, 1992, no further explanation of the listed item is necessary.

Although this document is made known to the Patent and Trademark Office in compliance with Applicant's duty of disclosure, such disclosure is not to be construed as an admission by Applicant or Applicant's representative that any of the references is effective as prior art against the subject application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(h), the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b) exists.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing reference and that it be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

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